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DELTA AIR LINES, INC.

for exemptions from Subparts K and S of
14 CFR Part 93 pursuant to 49 USC 41718
("beyond perimeter" slot exemptions)
Washington, D.C. (DCA) - Salt Lake City

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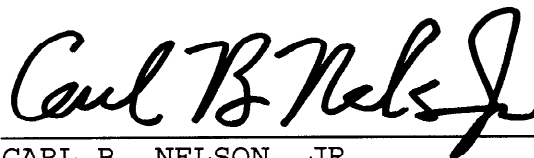
American Airlines, Inc. hereby moves for leave to file one day late the following answer to the captioned application submitted by Delta Air Lines, Inc. on March 22, 2000 under 49 USC 41718 for "beyond perimeter" slot exemptions to serve nonstop between Washington (DCA) and Salt Lake City. American inadvertently missed yesterday's answer date, and does not believe that any party will be prejudiced by its late answer, which is being served by fax as indicated on the attached service list.

Delta's application was submitted under new 49 USC 41718, created by the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century, known as Air 21. This act was signed into law by President Clinton on April 5, 2000.

On March 30, 2000, American submitted a competing application for DCA exemption slots, proposing to operate two daily nonstop roundtrips to Los Angeles (LAX) (OST-00-7162). American opposes Delta's Salt Lake City application to the extent that grant of Delta's request would preclude favorable action on American's Los Angeles application.

Other applications for DCA beyond-perimeter exemption slots are likely to be submitted. Since only 12 such slots (sufficient for six daily roundtrips) are authorized, the Department will be required to conduct a carrier-selection proceeding under Ashbacker Radio Corp. v. FCC, 326 U.S. 327 (1945). In that proceeding, American will show why its proposal for nonstop service between DCA and LAX will provide the greatest public benefits and should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

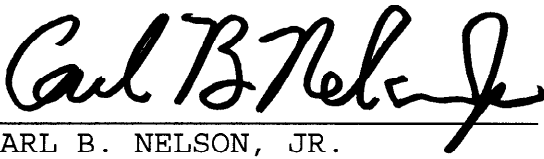
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I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document by fax or first-class mail on all persons named on the attached service list.


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